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Strawberry Fest, Sumpter Fest canceled

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

In the last few weeks, residents of the tri-community learned two big festivals of the year have been canceled for this May and June because of COVID-19.

At the March 24 Sumpter Township Board of Trustees' meeting, Trustee Don Swinson, the board liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission, announced the commission decided to have no Sumpter Country Festival this year.

The festival, which was scheduled for Memorial Day week end, May 23-25, would have honored the 180th anniversary of Sumpter becoming a township. Trustee Swinson said they would celebrate the 181st anniversary in 2021.

"It's sad ... It's a shame ... but I'd rather be safe than sorry," Swinson said.

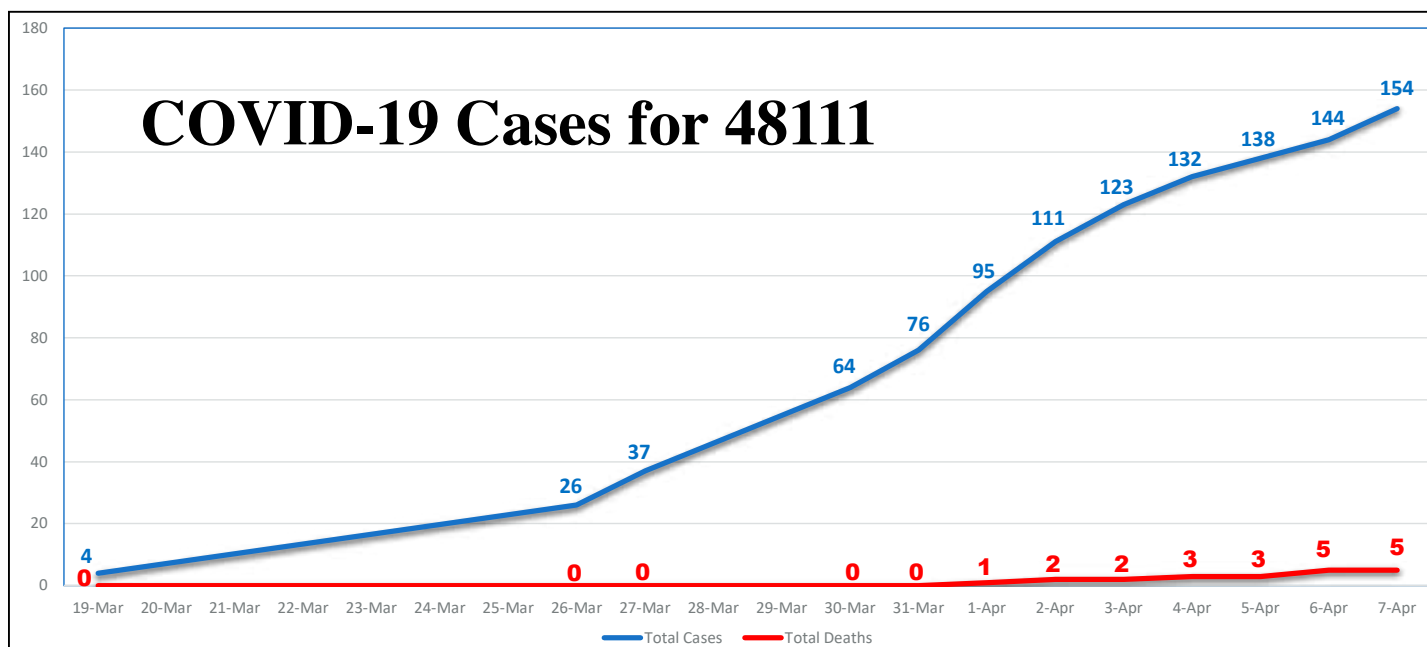
Then, on April 1, Belleville's Interim City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, sent out a letter to the Strawberry Festival Committee and others stating that through the emergency management powers bestowed upon her by the city council, she was canceling the city's participation and withdrawing all approvals of associated activities of the National Strawberry Festival this year.

She said this was due to the on-going COVID-19 crisis and the city must do everything in its power to ensure the health and safety of city residents, city staff, and businesses.

The Strawberry Festival is held on Father's Day week end each year and this year was scheduled for June 19, 20, and 21.

At the Feb. 18 meeting of the city council, before there was any consideration of COVID-19, there was a lengthy discussion on whether the festival should be canceled

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The COVID-19 numbers from the Wayne County Health Department for this area started with just "Belleville" rates and last Thursday started breaking them into Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township. The number designated Belleville has consistently been the highest and rising. VBT stayed at 48 for Monday and Tuesday, with no deaths, and Sumpter has remained at nine since last Friday, with no deaths. Many people believe the total for 48111, as shown above, is the most accurate for the situation in the tri-community, since what's on a driver's license may or may not be the most accurate designation of residence.

VBT receives \$20,000 from United Way

On Saturday, Van Buren Township received \$20,000 from the United Way for Southeastern Michigan as part of a COVID Emergency Response Grant.

This grant ensures the supply and distribution of nutritional food, with \$15,000 allocated to feed senior citizens in the township and \$5,000 donated to local food banks.

VBT Trustee Reggie Miller submitted the grant, stating, "In Southeastern Michigan, 44% of families struggle to afford their basic needs. With COVID-19 in our communities, these families are particularly vulnerable, especially our senior population who are homebound and continue to be at higher risk when going into the stores."

Funding from the grant will provide healthy food options, fresh produce, liquid nutrition and toiletry items to over 150

vulnerable households in the township.

"We're purchasing the food from local businesses and throwing in a few fun things in hopes of bringing smiles during these hard times," said VBT Senior Center Director Lynette Jordan.

"I'm so thankful we can do something positive for those in need."

Deliveries are scheduled to start on Thursday, April 9, via the decorated Senior Center bus with help from the Parks and Recreation Department.

"The township board of trustees has made it clear that they will work to feed our homebound seniors during this crisis," said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

"Thank you, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, for offering this resource to local governments," he said.

Supervisor McNamara said for a list of local food banks, visit vanburen-mi.org. If you know a senior citizen in need of food delivery, Michigan Bridges is also offering food deliveries for persons 60 years or older. Sign up online via this link: <https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/request-meal-delivery-reassurance?language-en-US&fbclid=IwAR2BeYWqScaAC7frkjJx>

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If you have needs or questions, call the VBT Senior Center at (734) 699-8918 or email Lynette Joran at Ljordan@vanburen-mi.org.

For more information on United Way for Southeastern Michigan visit: <https://unitedwaysem.org/>.



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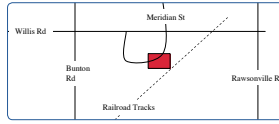
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Parrott's domestic violence charge pretrial adjourned until May 1

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

As one of the corona virus adjournments at 35th District Court in Plymouth, the pretrial for a domestic violence charge against David Mark Parrott, 59, of Van Buren Township that was scheduled for March 20 has been adjourned until 8:30 a.m., May 1.

Parrott, who is a sitting judge at 34th District Court in Romulus, had been before Judge James A. Plakas in Plymouth on Feb. 28 for his pre-trial, but that was adjourned until March 20 for a substitution of attorney.

Attorney Robert Coutts of Van Buren Township represented Parrott on Feb. 28 on the 93-day misdemeanor charge.

On March 17, Heather KS Nalley of the Howell law firm of Gentry Nalley, filed as Parrott's new attorney and on March 18, the court removed from the calendar the March 20 appearance and rescheduled it for May 1.

Parrott has been charged with assaulting his live-in girlfriend on Feb. 8 at his Van Buren Township condo.

Parrott also had a misdemeanor drunk driving charge in Manistee County on Christmas Day 2018 and that conviction has been appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals, with a decision pending. His attorney on that case is Mike Nichols of Lansing.



Parrott

As part of the bond for both the Manistee and the Van Buren Township charges, Parrott has been ordered to wear Soberlink, a tether that reports any alcohol consumption four times a day to probation officers in both the Manistee and Wayne county courts.

In a Feb. 12 letter to 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley, Judge Parrott submitted his plans to step back from the bench temporarily.

"Regardless of the merits of both of these matters, the mere fact that the allegations were made, warrants a searching evaluation of my relations, as well as my physical, emotional and mental state," he wrote.

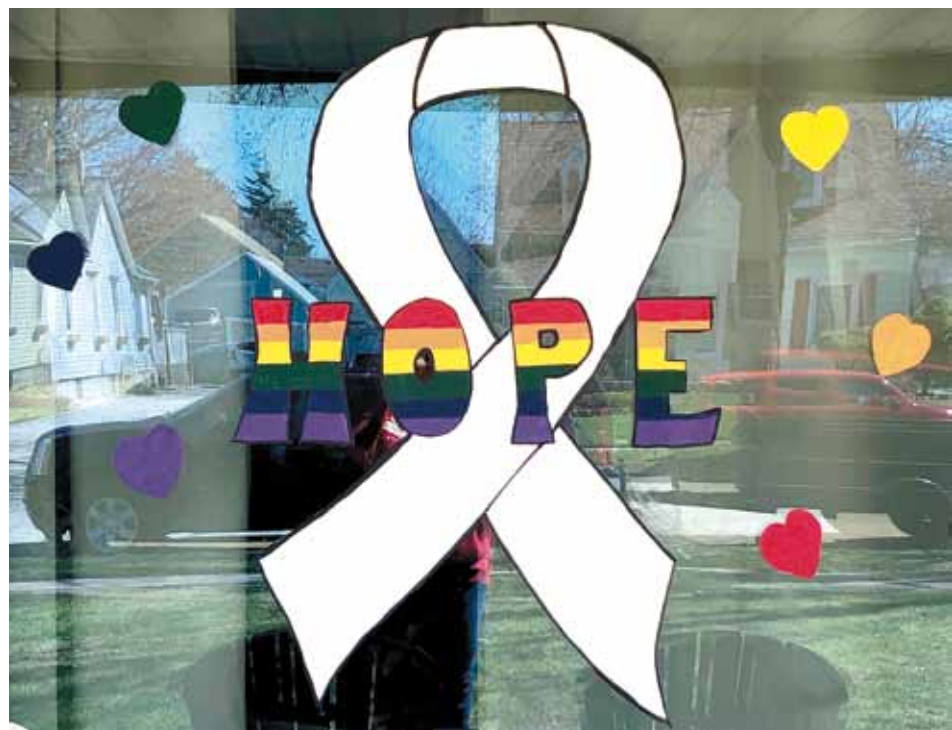
Parrott said he was "deeply disappointed" in himself "for being in the position of even responding to these embarrassing situations."

He said while his time away from the court "may be indeterminate at this time," he hoped to be able to return to the bench in 45-60 days.

In the meantime, retired Monroe County District Judge Terrance Bronson is filling in for Parrott at the court.

Parrott, who is completing his 12th year on the bench, has filed for reelection as district court judge. Those who announced they also are running for that six-year position are Romulus attorney Alexandria Taylor, VBT attorney Robert Coutts, and former 34th District Court Magistrate Lisa Martin, also of VBT.

Candidates seeking a district court judgeship have until 4 p.m., April 21, to file.



Scott Nichols sent this picture of his window on Bedell Street in the City of Belleville, featuring the white ribbon that is used to tell everyone that you are supporting everyone in the medical field that is working to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The White Ribbon Campaign was started by the Henry Ford Health System.



Independent photo by James Otzman

On Monday, March 23, those at 104 Biggs St. in the city of Belleville put up signs that said "Stay Calm," "Together We Can," and "Save Our Butts," along with an array of American flags. In the window was the message: "All you need is love ... and TP."

EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT

\$20,000 received supporting Seniors and local Food Banks

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in response to **COVID-19**



Photo courtesy of Van Buren Township

On April 1, Ford Motor Company donated 500 full-face face shields to the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department. Former State Rep. Doug Geiss, who is husband of present State Senator Ericka Geiss, brokered the free delivery of the shields made by Ford, said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

OPINIONS

Editorial

This week expected to be worst in local COVID-19 cases

New COVID-19 cases this week are expected to be the highest so far in Southeastern Michigan, according to medical experts working with White House leaders. And, then there will be two weeks' more of deaths from those new cases, they say. Then, it could be the light at the end of the tunnel. Or, not.

In a White House update on the situation, Dr. Deborah Brix said this week people should not even go out for prescriptions or groceries but stay home to keep the new cases down. She said the same warning is needed for all of the country, although some areas are a few weeks behind when the cases started in Michigan. Doctors depend on models developed from Spain and Italy cases for the expected timing here.

And, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends people wear cloth masks if they go out to keep them from giving or getting the virus. These should not be the N-95 masks the health-care workers need, but scarfs or home-made coverings for the nose and mouth.

This COVID-19 has no vaccine, no cure, and it is extremely contagious. Some get it and don't even know it. Others recover without a problem and some don't recover. We have to use our very best ideas to stay safe.

A young Farmington couple said it tried to keep the virus out of their home, which held two small babies, and even put all the mail and delivered packages in the garage. One baby got it anyway. He's recovering.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

The Boston Marathon, originally scheduled for April 20, has been postponed until Sept. 14 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley is one of the competitors accepted as a participant in the Boston Marathon.

Last Thursday, I received an email from Cornell Anton saying he was sick and needed me to help him get Amazon gift cards for somebody's birthday. He was having trouble. He'd pay me back later.

It was his email address, so I thought it was him. I asked my son to help me with the gift cards. We needed to know how much they were to be for and who to send them to.

I asked him about that by email and a reply came from someone's email that wasn't Cornell. The email said: Two, \$100 cards sent to an email for his "niece." Red flags! I called Cornell on the phone. He wasn't sick. He said everyone on his email list got these requests for help and he was on the phone to Comcast at that very moment making the changes necessary in his email address. He said he'd been hacked.

Duh! After all the stories I've told in this column about scams, I almost got taken myself.

At 7 p.m. Monday, George closed Metro Park Party Store on the corner of East Huron River Drive and Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township. It will be closed until at least next Monday because of COVID-19. Neighbors in that area are really going to miss that store.

On Thursday, April 9, the Van Buren Township Senior Center's big bus will

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



be all decorated up and stuffed with food and other goodies for about 150 shut-ins in the township. This is made possible by a \$20,000 donation from United Way of Southeastern Michigan as part of the battle against coronavirus.

Many of the seniors have been shut in their homes because of the Stay Home-Stay Safe order by the governor. Senior Director Lynette Jordan asked for 150 Independents hot off the presses to deliver with the other goodies on April 9 and we were delighted to comply.

You are likely to see the decorated bus in your neighborhood today.

It surprises me how many fire calls I hear on the dispatch scanner that announce everyone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19. The police and fire first responders are using great caution in approaching these residences to avoid infection. Huron Valley Ambulance personnel take the patient away to the hospital.

From the first responders in our communities to the HVA crew and then the health-care workers at the various hospitals, each call is an exercise in bravery for all concerned and we all appreciate it.

We've seen several trees with white ribbons on them supporting health-care workers. This is the Henry Ford Health System's White Ribbon Campaign to let health-care workers know that we have

their backs.

Belleville City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz said there will be great ribbon-cutting when the battle against COVID-19 is won.

I wanted to know more about this virus, so I read a 600-page book on the pandemic that started in 1918 and began sharing information on viruses with my sons. When I finished that, I read a 160-page book on bird flu and started sharing that information. My sons suggested the next book I read be a story with a plot and a surprise ending, to entertain me. They are tired of hearing about viruses.

And, I am getting tired of watching two-hour reports on the COVID-19 pandemic each evening – even week ends – but I'm afraid I'll miss something and I don't want to be uninformed. Then, there's the reports from the governor and the mayor of Detroit, which are important, too.

I really liked the Detroit News' front pages from 2018 that they published on-line on Sunday. It showed how the stories about that pandemic grew, as the virus spread, from a small story at the bottom of the page to larger and more prominent stories. One picture showed a black bear at the Detroit Zoo that died from the virus.





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Letters

Emergency Food Closet being run as 'drive thru'

To the Editor and Residents of Van Buren and Sumpter townships and the City of Belleville:

The Emergency Food Closet housed at the Belleville First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St. is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It is being run as a "drive thru" pantry. Please bring a valid driver's license or state ID to prove residency, if you are not a current client.

Minette Brownlee & Marilyn Wood
Emergency Food Closet coordinators

Teleconferenced meetings are disasters

The following was sent to Van Buren Township Board of Trustee members on April 2:

Dear Board Members,

Just to restate what we, the Board of Trustees, have already decided: We are remaining closed next week. In addition, we have nothing for a board meeting except the voucher list. We are sending out the Voucher List and letting you know what is going on there. If any questions, please email them to me and I will get that out right away.

I am in both board and regular meetings daily that are teleconference. These meeting are practiced with hired computer techs; the software is purchased and downloaded to make them work as well as possible. Board members actually go through training (I did) to make these meetings go smoother.

They are disasters! It's like herding chickens. The board can't hear, see, or comment. The directors are just as lost and get knocked off the line. The public is muted and public comment is hit and miss. If we can avoid having one of these meetings, I would prefer it. Sooner or later we will need to have a meeting, but at this time we would need to open the doors to the public. We don't have the technical ability to do on-line public comment. So, I believe the best move is to put this off as long as we can. This is to ensure the health of the public, the Van Buren Township workers and the board.

Stay Safe,
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Van Buren Township

Calling all seamstresses: Your talents are needed

To the editor:

I have spent the last two weeks gathering respirators, gloves, shields and N95 masks from many contractors around the area and delivering them to the front-line ER and ICU nurse heroes.

I have run out of supply so I was wondering if maybe you could put a small reminder in the paper reminding readers that these items are the ammunition our front-line troops need in this battle. I found that many painters and contractors didn't realize what they had put away in their shops and they often found these items when reminded.

I have switched my efforts to forming a group of seamstresses and support people to make masks, headbands and headscarves. Our Facebook group is called Sewing Rosies and right now we have five "sewists" and a dozen others donating fabric and materials and sewing buttons on headbands. The buttons on the sides of the head bands allow the masks to remain in place on their faces without the irritation and pressure on their ears. The nurses love this!

I am reaching out to you to see if you can give me a contact person for the quilting club I have seen articles on in the *Independent*. I am hoping I can recruit some more seamstresses to help with these efforts.

If you want to do a "Calling All Seamstresses" and direct them to our group that would be great as well! We can share patterns and materials to kick up production and get these valuable items to our fighting nurses, just like the Rosies did in WW2!

Another thing you can mention if you'd like: We saw on Facebook a story about a young man using a 3D printer to make adjustable plastic straps which take the pressure off the ears of those wearing masks constantly.

These printers have been popular gifts for kids over the past couple of years and I would love to enlist their help making these!

I have one young man with 3D printer who has joined our team and he can produce 18 per hour. I have the programming plans I can provide to any who can help.

I can be reached at chrisdonleydj@gmail.com or through our public FB group Sewing Rosies.

Very cool stuff!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/517896982257751/>
Stay well!

Chris Donley, Van Buren Township

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Obituaries



Timothy D. Adkins

TIMOTHY D. ADKINS

(September 12, 1958 – April 1, 2020)

Timothy Dale Adkins, age 61, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at Heartland Health Care Center, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born September 12, 1958 in West Virginia, son of Donald & Sarah Jane (Sullivan) Adkins.

Tim was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI and a former member of Belleville Moose Lodge #934. He loved music, playing guitar and singing Karaoke.

Mr. Adkins is survived by his devoted wife Michelle R. Daley-Adkins, four brothers: Donald (Charlene) Adkins of Ypsilanti, MI, Ronald (Donna) Adkins of Belleville, MI, Richard (Tonya) Towler of North Carolina and Brian Towler of Ypsilanti, MI; step-father Richard Towler of Ypsilanti, MI, mother-in-law Marlene Daley, father-in-law Michael Daley, sister-in-law Erin Daley, and his Miniature Schnauzer Bella. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Donald Adkins, and his mother Sarah Towler.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded to David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

A Celebration of Life service will be held after the Stay Home-Stay Safe order has been lifted and will be announced.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, to the funeral home to help defray expenses, would be greatly appreciated.

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Strawberry Fest

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because its quality had fallen over the years. On March 2, Mayor Kerreen Conley stated, "It's late in the game to stop it this year." She added that next year they can put life back into the festival and make it something the city can be more proud of.

Although the city approvals necessary to make the festival happen were on the March 5 council agenda, no action was taken. Then the novel coronavirus surged forward and the festival was cancelled.

The CBC Flop-E-Bunny candy hunt on April 11 had previously been canceled, along with the Sumpter Township Egg Hunt for April 4.

Janet Millard, festival treasurer and event coordinator for the Belleville Central Business Community, said the CBC is considering having the Flop-E-Bunny candy hunt in July, if possible.

She said the CBC was sending out the refunds on April 8 to those crafters who sent in checks of \$125 each to reserve 32 booth spaces on Main Street for this year's Strawberry Festival. Of that, the CBC got

\$100 for each booth and the festival got \$25 for each booth.

The Canton Liberty Fest, scheduled for June 18-20, the same week end each year as Strawberry Festival, had not been canceled as of Monday.

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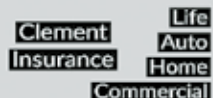
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Obituaries



Ronald Charles Schofield, Sr.

RONALD CHARLES SCHOFIELD, SR.

(December 19, 1935 – April 1, 2020)
 Age 84, died at his home on Wednesday afternoon, surrounded by his loving family. Ron is the devoted husband of Susie for 59 years. She preceded him in death in 2017. Ron and Susie are the loving parents of Ron Jr. (Karolynn) of Saline, Mark (Rosabella) (Karen) of Wayne, Randy (Janice) of Belleville, and Eric (Lori) of Belleville.

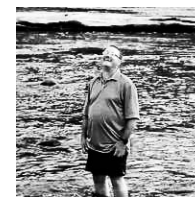
Their grandchildren Paris, Ashley, Nick, Rachel, Sabrina, Julia, Stephanie, Brittanie, Lindsey and Brianna, along with their great-grandchildren Kevin, Logan, Travis and Stevie are the love of their lives.

61-year residents of Belleville, Ron and Susie devoted their lives to their family, friends, and community. Ron is a talented craftsman that enjoyed using his hands to create original works that he shared with everyone. Wood carving was a passion as he pursued training and honed his skills in the art of hand carving carousel horses. He enjoyed wood turning, wood burning and painting gourds, fishing lures, leather goods and more. Ron spent hours in his shop listening to his favorite artist, Frank Sinatra, creating art with great love, knowing his gifts would bring a lifetime of joy to others.

In keeping with his wishes, a simple cremation was arranged. A private celebration of Suzie and Ron's life will be held in the near future. In lieu of flowers, please honor their lives with a donation, in their names, to the Wounded Warriors and the Wayne County Humane Society. www.davidcbrownfh.com

JUDITH M. BOULTER

(July 2, 1942 – April 1, 2020)
 Age 77, of Saline, died at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations in her name may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111. For full obituary, www.rbfhsaline.com.



Michael Christopher Meshinski

MICHAEL C. MESHINSKI

(July 15, 1969 – April 5, 2020)
 Michael Christopher "Mickey" Meshinski, age 50, of Taylor, MI, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2020 at his home. He was born July 15, 1969, in Southfield, MI, son of Michael Bernard & Carole Mae (Buckle) Meshinski.

He graduated from Huron High School class of 1987. He proudly worked for Ford Motor Company Dearborn Truck Plant for over 22 years. He was a member of the U.A.W. #600. He was also a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, New Boston, MI. Mickey enjoyed Nascar, drag racing, and car shows. He loved music, animals, and most of all he loved spending time with his family.

Mickey is survived by his fiancée Sherrill Williams, daughter Ashley (Bill) Odell, grandson Austin Odell, granddaughter Makynze Odell, and brother Robert (Marilyn) Meshinski, all of Romulus, MI; sister Holly Speirs of Florida; three nephews Scotty Hounshell and Bobby Johnson, both of Westland, MI, and Jacob Speirs of Florida; also a great-niece Aubrey Hounshell, of Westland, MI. He is also survived by many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother on November 30, 2016 and his father on March 14, 2018.

According to his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded to David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. He will be interred with his parents in St. Stephen's Cemetery, New Boston, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to an animal shelter of the donor's choice and would be appreciated.

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More Letters

Thank you to Animal Medical Center of VB

To the editor:

There are angels among us. We want to thank Animal Medical Center of Van Buren for all their professionalism and compassion. Dr. Driscoll and the entire staff helped us with the passing of our 18-year-old beloved cat Amber. Thank-you for all that you do.
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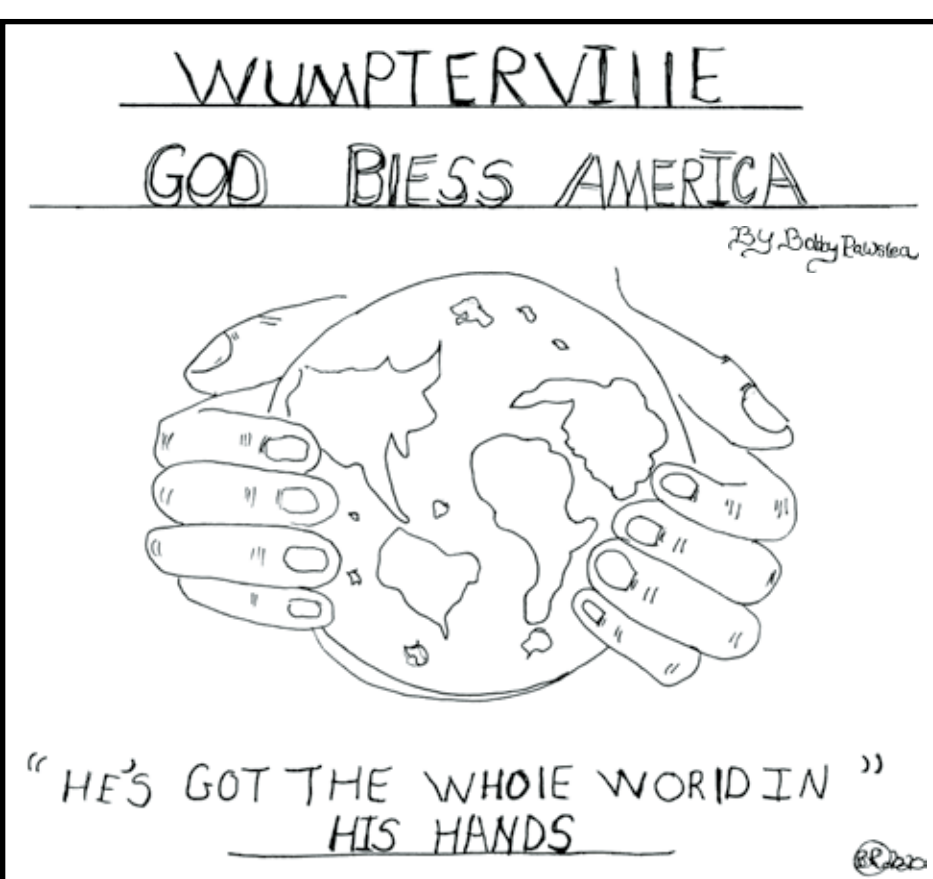
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Cartoon to the Editor



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The correct phone number to KP&T Auto Repair on East Huron River Drive is (734) 391-7292. The number I got off its website last week is incorrect. Last week's column featured the names and numbers of repair shops that are open providing essential services.

Tree service companies that are providing emergency and other essential services due to storm damage, etc. that advertise with us include TnT Tree Service, New Boston (734) 753-5800; Professional Tree Service (Belleville area), (734) 864-2243; Bonecutters Tree Experts, (734) 431-4202; and JR's Tree Service (734) 250-3855. See

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020. There is no cost to be in this column.



April 12 – Catherine Johnson
April 13 – Dina Millard Dunt, Brad Rider
April 14 – Cathy Sykes
April 15 – Gabe Dabney, Heather McArthur
April 16 – Tanny Rice-Hester
April 18 – Anthony S. Kuchta, Sr., Kenneth Bleeker
April 19 – Mary Lee Shaffer Kuchta

Do you or someone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* and we will publish as soon as possible.

Trash pickup rules altered in Belleville, Van Buren Township

In order to protect the workers with Waste Management and Republic Services, there are changes in the trash pick-up services.

- Bulk pick up has been suspended effective immediately. Only trash that fits IN the can will be picked up.
- NO extra bags, boxes, containers, free-standing items, etc. will be picked up if it doesn't fit IN the can.
- Compost pick up will NOT begin the first week in April as scheduled. This continues until further notice.

Residents of the city of Belleville may use the compost dumpster (which will be clearly marked) at the DPW yard for compost only.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

These are the 189 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week.

Sunday, March 29:

0406 – noise complaint, Meadows Ln.
0708 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0909 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
1110 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.
1134 – intrusion alarm, Hayes
1150 – noise complaint, N. Woodbury Dr.
1309 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1325 – narcotics crime, Woodbury Green
1344 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.
1409 – assist fire dept., Hull Rd.
1507 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1618 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1650 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1657 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1835 – assist other dept., Woodbury Dr.
2016 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rebecca Ct. / Anna Dr.

2259 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hawthorne Ct.
2301 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, March 30:

0017 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd./Bemis
0108 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
0209 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Dr.
0347 – intrusion alarm, Huron River Dr.
0445 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0647 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0702 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Tyler

1049 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1049 – property check, Wildbrook
1238 – shooting, Ecorse Rd. / Beck Rd.
1350 – animal complaint, Bradley Dr.
1410 – welfare check, E. Walden Dr.
1449 – welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
1458 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1550 – ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd.
1624 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
1623 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Purple Sage Ct.
1628 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1640 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood
1654 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Green
1721 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.
1737 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1746 – civil matter, S. Purple Sage Ct.
1805 – overdose, Quirk Rd.
1841 – welfare check, Outer Dr.
1846 – assist other dept., Brookview Dr.
1852 – indecent exposure, Tyler Rd. / Rolan Meadows Dr.
2031 – harassment call, Cedarhurst Dr.
2050 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.

Tuesday, March 31:

0045 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0242 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0335 – mental subject, Holly Ln.
0939 – private property impound, Haggerty Rd.
1119 – domestic, Maple Dr.
1159 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1209 – private property impound, Lake Villa Dr.
1238 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.
1406 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
1712 – private property impound, Van Born
1717 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1724 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1838 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1937 – noise complaint, Victoria St.
2021 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2027 – road hazard, Van Buren Plaza
2040 – noise complaint, N. Woodbury Dr.
2058 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2154 – domestic, E. Walden Dr.
2216 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
2236 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2310 – domestic, Quirk Rd.

Wednesday, April 1:

0009 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0058 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.
0111 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0123 – assist fire dept., Senate St.
0641 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0741 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0820 – domestic, Woodbury Green

0839 – unattended death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0947 – assist fire dept., Marlowe Ave.
1050 – civil matter, Bak Rd.
1057 – civil matter, Van Born
1119 – welfare check, Hardwood Dr.
1132 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1146 – juvenile complaint, W. Adams
1244 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1341 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1417 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1423 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1526 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.
1538 – vehicle lockout, N. Cumberland Dr.
1543 – civil matter, N. Cumberland Dr.
1638 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
1653 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
1810 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1920 – assist other dept., Heatherfield Blvd.
2003 – civil matter, Beck/Ecorse
2048 – trespassing, Village Center Dr.
2112 – malicious destruction of property, Winding Pond Dr.

2112 – fight, Rawsonville Rd.
2230 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
2238 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2339 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd./Jeremy Rd.

Thursday, April 2:

0018 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0817 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0915 – juvenile complaint, Locust Dr.
1005 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1104 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1157 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
1150 – civil matter, Van Buren Ln.
1340 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fret Rd.
1530 – intrusion alarm, E. Schooner Dr.
1559 – noise complaint, Maple Dr./Birch Dr.
1602 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1613 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
1719 – juvenile complaint, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1729 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1855 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd./Bog Rd.
1924 – family trouble, Arthur St.
1949 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rolan Meadows
1956 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2219 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd.
2257 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / Tyler Rd.

2332 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.

Friday, April 3:

0001 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0040 – parking complaint, Marina Dr.
0050 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
0235 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0553 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0728 – 911 welfare check, Elwell Rd.
0742 – property damage accident, Farmer Underwood
0859 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0920 – assist fire dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0941 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1025 – parking complaint, McBride Ave.
1235 – neighbor trouble, W. Huron River Dr.
1236 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.
1241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1305 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bog Rd./Hoeft
1331 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.
1355 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1510 – animal complaint, Country Walk Ct.
1541 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1543 – property damage accident, WB Michigan Ave. / bypass

1550 – domestic, Hamlin St.
1552 – property check, S. Woodbury Dr.
1610 – noise complaint, Chaney Ave.
1632 – suspicious person/vehicle, Coca-Cola Dr.
1636 – unattended death, Meadows Ln.
1652 – civil matter, Arthur St.
1714 – larceny from auto, Hardwood Dr.
1758 – civil matter, Maple Dr.
1854 – suspicious person/vehicle, Borgman Ave.
1854 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1927 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1928 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
2127 – noise complaint, Bemis Rd.

Saturday, April 4:

0116 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maurice Dr.
0208 – assist fire dept., S. I94 Service Dr.
0213 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

0303 – shooting, Belleville Rd.
0609 – 911 welfare check, Van Born rd.
0629 – neighbor trouble, Robson Rd.
1052 – intrusion alarm, Yost
1116 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1120 – welfare check, Brookview Dr.
1303 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1328 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1351 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
1423 – animal complaint, Greenwood Dr.
1444 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1457 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
1509 – breaking & entering, Amanda Dr.
1557 – assist fire dept., Harbour Club
1637 – assist fire dept., Harbour Club
1841 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1900 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1915 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1918 – neighbor trouble, Victoria St.
1945 – family trouble, Outer Dr.
2222 – assist fire dept., Freedom Way
2305 – welfare check, Landmark

Also on this week’s log are two traffic stops.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 29:

1207 – trespassing, Savage/tracks
Monday, March 30:
0949 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1544 – dumping complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2149 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia

Tuesday, March 31:

1402 – domestic, Light Tower Dr.
2057 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2214 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, April 1:

0808 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1508 – larceny, Main St.
1659 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, April 2:

1750 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.
1902 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
1933 – misc. complaint, Main St.

Friday, April 3:

0108 – assist fire dept., Brain St.
1022 – domestic, Church St.
1048 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1352 – found property/child, Main St.
1441 – assault & battery, Menlo Park Dr.

Saturday, April 4:

0340 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1032 – property damage accident, Main/Third
1403 – neighbor trouble, Biggs Ave. / E. Huron River Dr.
1716 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
2048 – property damage accident, Brain St.
There are no traffic stops on this week’s dispatch log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 29:

0850 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1326 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1349 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1439 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1527 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr.
1900 – off road vehicle complaint, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1920 – radar enforcement – SU, Sumpter/Willis
1933 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Monday, March 30:

0016 – shots fired, Edgewood Dr.
0340 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Fenster St.
0415 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0451 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0518 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0658 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0911 – suspicious circumstances, Wayside Dr.
0926 – assault, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1148 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1335 – larceny, Mulberry Dr.

1428 – suspicious circumstances, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1537 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1604 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln./Rawsonville

1903 – suspicious circumstances, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1929 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2218 – mental health call, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Tuesday, March 31:
0046 – suspicious person, Judd Rd./Fenster Ave.
0046 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1016 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
1036 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1137 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1209 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1340 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1350 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1357 – suspicious circumstances, Sumpter/Wear
1447 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1453 – miscellaneous, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1641 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1842 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1911 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Wednesday, April 1:

0154 – fire dept. assist, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
0344 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0619 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
0804 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0840 – detail – SU, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1319 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1348 – hospice death, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1518 – found property, Country Club Blvd.
1541 – suspicious person, 28000 bl. Martinsville
2120 – shots fired, Rustic Ln.

Thursday, April 2:

0308 – follow-up investigation, Rawsonville Rd. / Textile Rd.
0518 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.
0733 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0802 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1118 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1205 – suspicious person, Sherwood Rd./Wear Rd.
1219 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1349 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1412 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1544 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1809 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.

1839 – fleeing or eluding police, Rustic Ln. / Stonecrest Dr.
2005 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Friday, April 3:

0055 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0510 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1007 – miscellaneous, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1116 – miscellaneous, Arkona/Martinsville
1129 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1135 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1140 – suspicious circumstances, 17000 bl. Lohr
1201 – suspicious circumstances, 48000 bl. Judd
1330 – citizen assist, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1353 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Savage
1431 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Willow
1432 – neighborhood complaint, Fenster/Reed
1626 – 911 hang up, Wear Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1630 – miscellaneous, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1651 – citizen assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
1703 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1758 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1843 – open burning, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2130 – suspicious circumstances, 45000 bl. Willis
2321 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln.

Saturday, April 4:

0211 – noise complaint, Edgewood Dr.
1814 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1924 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
2047 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
2337 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 86 patrol checks, nine traffic stops, and six miscellaneous details.

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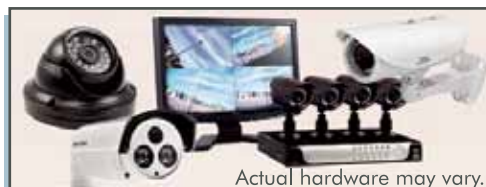


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